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Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 3.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, August 14, 2016**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 13 percent short, 43 percent adequate, and 43 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 13 percent short, 51 percent adequate, and 35 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 70.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 78.5 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 84.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Donaldsonville to 95.0 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Torrential rainfall sweep through most of the state towards the end of the week, where some areas received high flood waters. The east central part of the state received the highest average of rain concentration at 14.84 inches.

Crop progress for week ending August 14, 2016

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, dent	100	98	99	80
Corn, mature	91	81	91	93
Corn, harvested	30	18	62	45
Cotton, setting bolls	97	95	96	98
Cotton, open bolls	34	20	15	25
Hay, second cutting	75	72	90	87
Rice, headed	97	94	97	97
Rice, mature	80	70	85	70
Rice, harvested	55	39	56	41
Sorghum, coloring	100	99	97	96
Sorghum, mature	86	71	87	80
Sorghum, harvested	64	38	57	42
Soybeans, blooming	99	98	98	99
Soybeans, setting pods	96	93	94	94
Soybeans, turning color	36	22	50	33
Soybeans, dropping leaves	15	4	35	16
Soybeans, mature	5	NA	8	NA
Sugarcane, planted	16	9	25	18

NA = Not Available.

Crop condition for week ending August 14, 2016

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn	0	7	38	48	7
Cotton	0	5	24	66	5
Livestock	1	4	25	64	6
Pasture	2	11	33	48	6
Rice	0	8	35	50	7
Sorghum	0	5	36	47	12
Soybeans	0	7	24	60	9
Sugarcane	1	2	27	52	18
Sweet Potatoes	0	1	20	74	5
Vegetables	1	12	36	50	1

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Rains at the end of the week slowed down rice harvest. Yields are average; some in the upper 30's to mid-50's (barrels). High pressure of stinkbugs showing up in late planted rice. Soybeans will benefit from the rains that we are receiving.”

– Jeremy Hebert, Acadia Parish

“Many fields are flooded, and some sugarcane has fallen or lodged. Some areas received as much as 20 inches of rain. Soybeans that have received a harvest aide application could start to deteriorate if this weather doesn't break.”

– Jimmy Flanagan, Saint Mary Parish

“Deep flooding rains over the weekend have the entire agriculture production sector wondering what the future holds for this year’s crop. Many acres of maturing crops, some mature and ready to harvest under water. In many areas stored hay completely submerged. The truth will not really be known until any harvest attempt is made. Good weather days are needed.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Water is everywhere and how long it will stay on the fields is yet to be seen. Condition of crops will be in a rough state when water gets off.”

– Steve Borel, Iberville Parish

“Continuous rain for several days during the past week. Many fields are flooded. Concerns about water still rising. Sugarcane planting and soybean harvest will be delayed for some time.”

– Mariah Simoneaux, Saint James and Assumption Parish

“Historical rains have dropped over 20 inches in the parish during the past week. Sugarcane planting, soybean and rice harvest have all been stopped due to flooded fields. As of now livestock losses appear to be minimal. Yield loss to rice and soybeans could be major. Many sugarcane fields have lodged cane and planting will be delayed for several days if not weeks depending on the how much more rain we receive.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending August 14, 2016										
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	92.7	74.0	83.4	82.5	0.9	0.44	6	-0.15	3.16	0.60
Mooringsport	93.0	74.7	83.9	83.1	0.7	0.99	3	0.31	2.66	-0.07
Red River	93.6	75.7	84.6	83.3	1.3	3.47	3	2.79	4.10	1.13
Shreveport	92.9	73.9	83.4	83.1	0.3	0.69	5	-0.05	3.12	-0.39
Extreme/Average	93.0	74.6	83.8	83.0	0.8	1.40	6	0.73	3.26	0.32
North Central										
Calhoun	91.4	72.6	82.0	81.5	0.5	1.71	4	0.97	7.10	4.25
Farmerville	90.6	74.3	82.4	82.2	0.2	2.67	5	1.97	6.19	3.40
Homer	93.0	70.0	81.5	81.1	0.4	NA	NA	NA	2.72	0.63
Extreme/Average	91.7	72.3	82.0	81.6	0.4	2.19	5	1.47	5.34	2.76
Northeast										
Lake Providence	88.6	74.3	81.4	82.6	-1.2	NA	NA	NA	4.79	3.76
St Joseph	92.1	72.7	82.4	82.7	-0.2	3.48	3	2.57	5.66	2.00
Tallulah	93.6	75.4	84.5	82.2	2.3	3.20	3	2.50	10.92	8.22
Winnsboro	93.5	75.2	84.4	82.7	1.7	NA	NA	NA	2.87	0.00
Extreme/Average	91.9	74.4	83.2	82.5	0.6	3.34	3	2.54	6.06	3.50
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	81.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	94.4	74.1	84.3	83.0	1.3	1.50	7	0.58	4.18	0.54
Leesville	94.0	72.5	83.3	81.7	1.6	2.22	5	1.53	4.95	1.85
Natchitoches	92.0	75.1	83.6	83.5	0.0	2.03	5	1.42	4.37	0.99
Extreme/Average	93.5	73.9	83.7	82.5	1.0	1.92	7	1.18	4.50	1.13
Central										
Alexandria	92.3	75.3	83.8	83.5	0.2	5.57	4	4.58	11.78	7.99
Bunkie	90.3	74.5	82.4	82.6	-0.2	8.10	2	7.39	11.80	9.05
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	84.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	88.6	73.0	80.8	82.9	-2.1	1.89	4	1.12	5.78	2.73
New Roads	91.0	74.5	82.8	83.0	-0.3	NA	NA	NA	2.84	0.29
Extreme/Average	90.5	74.3	82.4	83.2	-0.6	5.19	4	4.36	8.05	5.01
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	17.24	5	15.81	24.08	18.64
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	81.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	23.36	7	NA	28.09	NA
Slidell	85.7	74.9	80.3	NA	NA	3.92	5	NA	9.48	NA
Extreme/Average	85.7	74.9	80.3	81.9	NA	14.84	7	15.81	20.55	18.64
Southwest										
Crowley	89.8	74.7	82.3	82.6	-0.3	18.34	6	17.27	19.95	15.55
DeRidder	92.7	74.1	83.4	82.6	0.8	2.95	4	1.98	5.86	2.61
Jennings	88.6	74.4	81.5	82.6	-1.1	17.38	6	16.24	20.35	16.07
Oberlin Fire	89.0	73.3	81.1	82.3	-1.2	5.56	3	4.55	8.83	4.63
Extreme/Average	90.0	74.1	82.1	82.5	-0.4	11.06	6	10.01	13.75	9.72
South Central										
Donaldsonville	84.7	74.1	79.4	82.0	-2.6	15.63	5	14.40	22.16	16.98
Jeanerette	85.0	72.6	78.8	82.4	-3.6	18.38	6	17.01	23.64	18.10
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	82.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	85.1	75.1	80.1	82.3	-2.2	8.46	6	6.80	14.37	8.31
Extreme/Average	84.9	73.9	79.5	82.2	-2.8	14.16	6	12.74	20.06	14.46
Southeast										
Galliano	85.9	76.3	81.1	82.7	-1.6	7.33	6	5.53	15.46	8.16
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	15.79	5	14.32	23.60	18.06
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	95.0	78.5	86.8	NA	NA	3.51	3	NA	8.19	NA
Extreme/Average	90.5	77.4	83.9	82.7	-1.6	8.88	6	9.93	15.75	13.11
State	90.3	74.5	82.4	82.5	-0.3	7.11	5	6.67	10.89	7.77

DFN = Departure from Normal.
Normal = Averaged Collected Data from the Years 1981-2010.
NA = Not Available.